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attending the funeral of his brother, the late L.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1910.

IN itself the revolt against the wearing of
the queue among a people governed so
strictly as the Chinese are by convention
suggests a strength and energy of character
and purpose which only those who know
China well can perhaps adequately appre-
ciate. In the last twelve months thousands
of Chinese have taken this bold step, not-
withstanding that the Throne has shown no
inclination to commend it, except in the case
of the military and the police. True, there
have been reports to the effect that the
Throne is prepared to issue a general Edict
at the commencement of the next Chinese
year sanctioning the discarding of the queue
and a change in the national dress, but
in an Edict issued a week ago these were
referred to as "baseless rumours" and "all
persons in official and educational circles and
in every other walk of life" were enjoined
not to listen and be deceived by them. This
Edict was issued in response to a petition
from the Peking Chamber of Commerce
which stated that the commercial guilds in
the metropolis and the merchants in the
provinces had reported that the rumours of
these impending changes had created "a
very critical situation" in business circles.

and they, therefore, begged for protection.
The meaning of this presumably is that the
cutting of the queue is being followed by
changes in the national costume which are
seriously disturbing the piece-goods trade.
That, however, is a matter which will
speedily re-adjust itself, so far at least as
the merchants are concerned, but if the
adoption of foreign attire is a corollary of
the "short crop," the effect on the great
silk-weaving industry of the country would
be serious indeed. Already the influence of
the movement is felt and seen in the
import of piece-goods from abroad, and we
can quite appreciate the reluctance of the
Throne to countenance a change which is
likely to have a disastrous effect on the
native weaving industries, to say nothing of
the effect which the tyranny of fashion would
be likely to have on the cost of living. So
far as the queue is concerned, the Throne
may be expected to acquiesce in the change
sooner or later, if the pressure now being
brought to bear continues. It will be seen
from the report published in another
column that the National Assembly recently
decided by 103 votes to 28 to petition the
Throne in favour of discarding the queue.
Among a people so greatly under the
influence of custom and convention as the
Chinese are the cutting of the queue
implies a greater change than meets the eye.
The severance of the queue and the adop-
tion of the European style of dress
may be taken to symbolise a release
from the fetters of hide-bound tradi-
tion. It needs as we have said, courage
and some decision of character to make the
change while there is yet no Imperial sanc-
tion for it; but rather strong discouragement,
and it implies on the part of those who take
the step a determination to look forward to
the country's future, and not backward
upon its past, as the custom has been for
centuries. Down to quite recent date the
quiescent Chinaman was an object of re-
proach and derision in the country. But the
times change and even China now is changing
with them. The Imperial Edict from which
we have quoted can do little to check what
is evidently already a popular desire; it
may indeed only serve to stimulate interest
in the movement, for since the Throne has
sanctioned these changes in the Army, the
Navy and Police, as well as in the Diplo-
matic Service we believe, public curiosity
will be excited as to why the general adop-
tion of these "improvements" is opposed.
If the objection is seen to rest entirely on
the economic results of the change, there
will probably be little or no hesitation on
the part of those who can afford it, to
indulge their preference. Thousands in
Hongkong would dispense with the
queue to-morrow if an Imperial Edict
sanctioning the change were issued
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tion is withheld we shall always see,
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Yau Ma Tei Bay. It is thought that the charge is
a false one. However, the four men were re-
manded.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library
and Museum for the week ending the 25th De-
cember shows that of non-Chinese there were
373 to the Library and 249 to the Museum,
and of Chinese 145 to the former and 3,039 to
the latter. The Library was, therefore, used
by 518 persons and the Museum by 3,338.

Mr. Charles M. Connor, assistant director of
agriculture in the Philippine Islands, has re-
turned from a trip to Mindoro, where he in-
vestigated rubber conditions. He reports Mindoro
an excellent country for both rubber and hemp
but with the one great drawback that the monkeys, wild hogs and deer create havoc among the
rubber trees.

The owners of three Chinese craft were
charged before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N.,
at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday,
with being in the harbour of refuge at Causeway
Bay without permission. The hearing of the
case against the firm defendant was adjourned.
The second was fined \$3 or seven days' im-
prisonment, and the third \$1.50, or a similar term.

A writer in a London paper on "Changing
Piccadilly" says:—Green Park House is one of
the few buildings in Piccadilly, owned privately,
that do not rely solely upon a number for identi-
fication. Its more renowned companions are
Aspasia House, Devonshire House, Bath House,
and Rectory House. Green Park House is next
to the Lyceum Club, and, as its name suggests,
enjoys a magnificent view over the Green Park.
It is now occupied by Mr. Ralph Bellamy.

There was an official dinner at Government
House last night, to which the following were
invited: Bishop Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs.
Kewick, Miss Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs.
Robertson, Miss MacFarlan, Mr. H. E. R.
Hunter, Rev. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Locker,
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Dunn, Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton, Colonel and
Mrs. Stape.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND
THE QUEUE.

There were one hundred and thirty-three
members present at the meeting of the National
Assembly recently when a motion was discussed
relating to the discarding of the queue. Among
the visitors, numbering more than one hundred
and fifty, were twelve foreigners. There were
also present twenty representatives of the Press.
The Hon. Lin (representing the Province of
Kuei-chou) moved that the first business, viz.
"Discussion in regard to the discarding of
the queue and the change of costumes, and the
proposed memorial to the Throne for the issue
of an edict regarding the same," be proceeded
with.

The motion was seconded and the representa-
tive of Kuei-chou said:—"I would suggest that
the removal of the queue be begun among the
following classes first, viz. the police, the student
class and the military class. I would also sug-
gest that as His Imperial Majesty the Emperor
is the Commander-in-Chief of the army, it
might not be a bad example if His Majesty
could set at to take the lead in the movement
of discarding the queue."

The Hon. Yang Hsien-tien (representing the
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The Hon. Lo-chi-chi (representing Hunan)
described the inconvenience which would attend
the sudden change of costume. He was in
favour of a change of costume to this extent that
all material for the change should be of home
product. He would think, however, that the
latter subject should be left out of consideration
for the time being. But he said the queue was
useless.

The Hon. Yi Tsung-kuei (representing the
Province of Hunan) said it was very conspicuous
that while all nationalities grow no queue we
Chinese should be an exception. He disapproved
the continuance of the queue.

After a lengthy discussion, during which
some spoke in favour of retaining the queue, a
vote was taken and the results were:—

103 in favour of discarding the queue;
28 members against it;
2 neutral.

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The majority being in favour, a resolution to
memorialize the Throne to this effect was duly
passed. As regards the change of costume the
question was left to the Throne.—*Peking Daily
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The professor claims that his theory, while
successfully accounting for the appearance
of temporary stars, proves, too, that a continual
rejuvenescence of the cosmic system is in pro-
gress, thus giving proof of the sternal character
of the universe.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN.

The Berlin City Council on the 12th inst.
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the "North and South" railway across Berlin.
The proposal was adopted unanimously, although it
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TELEGRAMS.

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RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

PEKING, December 28th.

The representatives of four Powers
have interviewed the Wihiupu con-
cerning the Hukuang loan. The
Chinese are not prepared to take
up the loan.

A meeting at Chengtu decided to
suspend the Ichang railway project
and construct a line connecting
Chungking and Chengtu and utilize
a million dollars for the purchase of
tugs similar to those at Hsutung and
use them for the conveyance of
materials to Szechuan.

GRAND COUNCILLORS
DENOUNCED.

PEKING, December 28th.

The Assembly is again denouncing
the Grand Councillors without men-
tioning the necessity for a Cabinet.

OBITUARY.

TOKYO, December 28th.

Lieut.-Colonel R. W. Boger, R.A.,
British Military Attaché at Tokyo, is
dead, having succumbed to an attack
of pneumonia.

[BRUTON'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS".]

THE SITUATION IN PERSIA.

AFAIR OF BRITISH ACTION.

LONDON, December 28th.

A telegram from Teheran states
that the Minister of Foreign Affairs
has resigned, giving as a reason his
conviction that Great Britain will
carry out her threat made in October
to herself undertake to preserve
order in South Persia if the Govern-
ment of the country fails to effect an
improvement.

The Minister says the Government
has not been able to achieve any im-
portant result.

It is understood, however, that a
reply will shortly be sent to the
British Government detailing the steps
which have been taken.

NATIVE RISING IN THE
CAROLINES.

GERMAN OFFICIALS MURDERED.

LONDON, December 28th.

It is reported from Berlin that a
revolt of natives has occurred in the
Caroline Islands, Magistrate Boeder,
three officials and five natives having
been murdered. The disaffection is
said to be owing to roadmaking opera-
tions in progress.

The Acting-Governor and a large
force arrived on the scene of the
murders and found the remainder of
the Europeans safe.

Three warships are hurrying to the
spot.

MADAME CALVES CONCERT.

It is advertised to-day that Madame Calve,
the famous French soprano, Sig. Gasparini, the
Italian lyric tenor, and M. Jacques Pintel, the
Russian pianist, and party are to give a grand
opera concert at the Theatre Royal for one
night only on Wednesday next. This is a
treat which no one will willingly miss. For
particulars as to the charges, which are
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S. Moutte & Co's.

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LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

December 2nd.

THE LATEST FLOODS.

Judging from the latest reports the floods have got the upper hand of the authorities, and an awful state of things prevails throughout the country. The incessant rain—and it is a wonder where it all comes from—is laying the provinces in ruin. Parisians have lost to complain about, as the Seine has practically ceased to rise. The situation, however, in the departments is nothing short of alarming, and matters are increasing in gravity hourly. In several places it has been found necessary to close factories which have been flooded out, in consequence of which thousands have been thrown out of work, and at this time of the year this is a most serious matter, as can be readily imagined. In consequence of the river Orne overflowing, the streets and buildings of Caen are flooded. It is with the greatest difficulty that families have been rescued from their homes; those who are not in immediate danger are dependent for their food on what the fishing boats and punts are able to bring them.

Over one-tenth of the population is of negro descent, but for the negro birth-rate, as compared with the white, we must await the full returns.

The question of keenest interest aroused by the census is: Can the country absorb immigrants at the rate of nearly 1,000,000 a year, and do not those who have come here during the last decade—nearly two-thirds of them, probably—represent by reason of their high wages that they are never satisfied, and come less frequently than formerly?

"NOSES THAT SUFFER." The latest Society—and their name is already legion—to come into existence in Paris is "The Association of Noses that Suffer" (nothing like being original!), the object being to suppress objectionable odours. "The black-list" of the Society includes not only the evil smells of railway

trains, motor-cars, garbage receptacles, and drain pipes, oil refineries, tanneries, soap factories and chemical works, but also the morbid and sickening scents to some extent counterbalanced by fashionable society, such as patchouli and all those into which must enter.

Even smokers, fish vendors, and chefs will be admonished to keep the peace more strictly by less disturbance of sensitive olfactory organs.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

They do some things in France better than is done elsewhere. The telephone directory is a case in point, and the administration in about to make an innovation, whereby, for a payment of 5 francs, subscribers to the telephone are able to insert after their name a note indicating the hours of reception, consultation, and the time of opening and closing business.

VICTOR HUGO, ADVERTISEMENT WRITER.

It may not be generally known that Victor Hugo used to draft the advertisements of his own books, instead of leaving the task to his publishers.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Red Cross in France has a department for the special training of dogs, and through their efforts they are taught to search out the wounded and draw attention to their location. Untiring work has trained them not to bark or howl when coming upon a wounded soldier, but to retrieve some object belonging to him and carry it to the first Red Cross worker that can be found. When the worker takes the object from the dog's mouth, the animal turns about and leads the way back.

UNDESIRABLES.

The undesirables of Paris are chiefly to be found in the cosmopolitan quarter of the French capital, in the vicinity of the Hotel de Ville, described as a populous toadstool. Whole streets in that part of the "Ville Lumière" are occupied by a world population in picturesque but ragged garments, who swarm at the portals, perform their toilet in the open, and carry on conversations from one house to another in barbarous and gutteral tongues. These exotics seem to come from everywhere—Russia, Romania, Poland, Syria, and the little Balkan States. They have their cafés and restaurants, and mean and obscure shops where they carry on some trade. The street cleaners scarcely dare to enter these narrow streets, where are accumulated malodorous pyramids from the houses. Needless to observe that these undesirable foreigners are obstinate refractors to the most elementary laws of hygiene. Their proximity is a source of annoyance to the dwellers in the St. Germain quarter, who demand their expulsion, but this seems a difficulty beyond the powers of M. Lépine.

A FAMOUS RESTAURATEUR.

By the death of M. Orset Paris has lost one of its most noted restaurateurs. He was the proprietor of the well-known restaurant in the Rue Richelieu, which went by the odd name of "Le Grand U." It was the favourite resort of a famous Palimontary group. Gambetta and other celebrated men who have helped to make the history of France to dine together there and discuss public affairs. It was a period when prominent men did not disdain to be seen in an ordinary restaurant taking their meals *cum publico*, or before the public.

SCARCITY OF GAME.

A Paris contemporary has been making inquiries about the popularity of the classic romantics, and a sorry report is the result. One of the leading booksellers of this city says of Dumur père: "He still sells, to a certain extent, the 'Mousquetaires,' for example. As to Eugène Sue, he is now a name, and little more." Of George Sand, "Mansprat" still maintains popularity; but her other works have gone to make tobacco corners or paper wrappers. Balzac is one of the writers who still has a hold upon the people, "but," said the bookseller, "that would not probably be for long. His complete works sell only with difficulty." Asked why the classics of Dumur père, George Sand, and Balzac had ceased to have a hold upon the popular mind, the Paris bookseller said the cause, or rather cause, were many. Cigarettes, absinthe, cycling, aviation, the abuse of sports, and over-production are the chief factors responsible for this degeneracy. Men and women still write, but if things go as they are, 50 years hence people will still continue to write, but there will be no readers.

LONDON TO PEKING IN 9½ DAYS.

CHINA ACCEPTS RUSSIA'S RAILWAY SCHEME.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* says it is in a position to state that it is the intention of the Russian Government to build a railway from the Baikal Lake, on the Siberian line, through the Gobi Desert to Peking direct. It is further stated that China consents to this plan.

WHEN THIS LINE WILL ENABLE TRAVELLERS TO

journey from Berlin to Peking in eight and a half days, or from London in nine and a half, the road being curtailed by over 600 miles.

The only really novel portion of this statement, says a Berlin correspondent, is that which declares that China is a consenting party. It will be remembered that this railway through the Gobi Desert was spoken of at the time that the American Government made their famous proposals for the neutralisation of the Manchurian lines, and that at that time China showed some opposition; nor is it quite correct to say that the Russian Government will build the entire length.

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Certain categories of game are becoming scarce in France that the Central Society of French Hunters is agitating for protective measures. It asks that the closing of the hunting season shall be advanced for hares and partridges, and a close season instituted in Algeria for quail. M. Georges Eboit, the secretary of the Society, points out that whereas, in 1908, 360,000 partridges and 140,000 hares were received at the *Halles Centrales*, or Paris Central Markets, the numbers fell in 1909 to 310,000 partridges and 120,000 hares. If these are not to be exterminated, the season must be materially shortened.

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Another statement in the *Frankfurter Zeitung* that the new line will be built by 1913 is exceedingly improbable even when we take the fact into consideration that no engineering difficulties are to be encountered.

His next meeting was with Tom King, and a terrific fight the men put up. They went forty-three rounds ere Mace was able to administer the *coup de grâce*. The return match on the Midway saw the tables reversed, and the men, who had become great friends, met in serious conflict afterwards.

Mace was eager to regain his lost laurels, but for some time no one would give him a chance. Eventually, Joe Goss stepped into the breach, and gave Mace his much desired opportunity.

The men met down the Thomas, near Plumstead, and Goss was beaten in 19 rounds. These men met three times only one of the contests being drawn, the others going the way of Mace.

The draw, by the way, was brought about by the fact that neither man seemed desirous of getting to business, the referee declared the fight a draw.

His last fight was with a man named Davis, whom he beat. Having retired from the ring, Mace commenced to appear at music-halls, where his nimbleness and skill greatly delighted crowds. Adversity came his way in later years, and though benefits were got up for him and money subscribed there is reason to fear that the old hero of the prize ring had often felt the want of money. Friends he never lacked, and he was a familiar and always welcome figure at most of the big sporting—especially racing—functions in and around London.

AMERICA'S FUTURE.

STRIKING CENSUS RETURNS.

Washington, Dec 4th.

It is estimated that the thirteenth American census, now being completed, cannot be published until next Friday, but I have ascertained on the highest authority that the total population of the United States, counting Arizona and New Mexico as States, stands now, roughly, at 90,500,000. The Eastern States more than hold their own, but while the cities and industrial centres developed amazingly the States of the Middle West, where the farming regions are situated, absolutely declined. It is hardly possible, I am assured, that the figure yet to come can materially alter this vital characteristic.

On the other hand, the Far Western States increased greatly—Colorado 48 per cent., Oregon 62 per cent., Nevada 93 per cent., and Idaho

101 per cent.

In 1900 the gross population of the United States was 76,000,000 and of the 14,500,000 odd

increased nearly 10,000,000 is represented by immigrants from all parts of the world, enormous numbers coming from Southern Europe. Immigrants from the United Kingdom come in constantly smaller numbers, and no longer form

the bulk of immigrants as formerly. The Irish invasion has steadily declined ever since the

Roman Catholic clergy of the United States

made statements to the effect that the conditions of Ireland have so much improved that the

people have just as good a chance of making a

respectable livelihood in Ireland as here. Irish

servants still arrive in large numbers but

so much work is required from them for their

high wages that they are never satisfied,

and come less frequently than formerly.

Over one-tenth of the population is of negro

descent, but for the negro birth-rate, as compared with the white, we must await the full

returns.

The question of keenest interest aroused by

the census is: Can the country absorb immi-

grants at the rate of nearly 1,000,000 a year,

and do not those who have come here during

the last decade—nearly two-thirds of them,

probably—represent by reason of their high

wages that they are never satisfied, and

come less frequently than formerly?

"NOSES THAT SUFFER."

The latest Society—and their name

is already legion—to come into existence

in Paris is "The Association of Noses that Suffer" (nothing like being original!), the object being to suppress objectionable odours. "The black-list" of the Society

includes not only the evil smells of railway

trains, motor-cars, garbage receptacles, and

drain pipes, oil refineries, tanneries, soap

factories and chemical works, but also the

morbid and sickening scents to some extent

counterbalanced by fashionable society, such as

patchouli and all those into which must enter.

Even smokers, fish vendors, and chefs will be

admonished to keep the peace more strictly by

less disturbance of sensitive olfactory organs.

THE LEB CROSS SOCIETY.

The Red Cross in France has a department

for the special training of dogs, and through

their efforts they are taught to search out the

wounded and draw attention to their location.

Untiring work has trained them not to bark

or howl when coming upon a wounded soldier,

but to retrieve some object belonging to him

and carry it to the first Red Cross worker that

can be found. When the worker takes the object

from the dog's mouth, the animal turns about

and leads the way back.

UNDESIRABLES.

The undesirables of Paris are chiefly to be

found in the cosmopolitan quarter of the French capital, in the vicinity of the Hotel de Ville, described as a populous toadstool.

Whole streets in that part of the "Ville Lumière" are occupied by a world population in picturesque

but ragged garments, who swarm at the

portals, perform their toilet in the open, and

carry on conversations from one house to another

in barbarous and gutteral tongues. These exotics

seem to come from everywhere—Russia,

Romania, Poland, Syria, and the little Balkan

States. They have their cafés and restaurants,

and mean and obscure shops where they carry

on some trade. The street cleaners scarcely

dare to enter these narrow streets, where are

accumulated malodorous pyramids from the

houses. Needless to observe that these undesirable foreigners are obstinate refractors to the

most elementary laws of hygiene. Their

proximity is a source of annoyance to the dwellers

in the St. Germain quarter, who demand their

expulsion, but this seems a difficulty beyond the

powers of M. Lépine.

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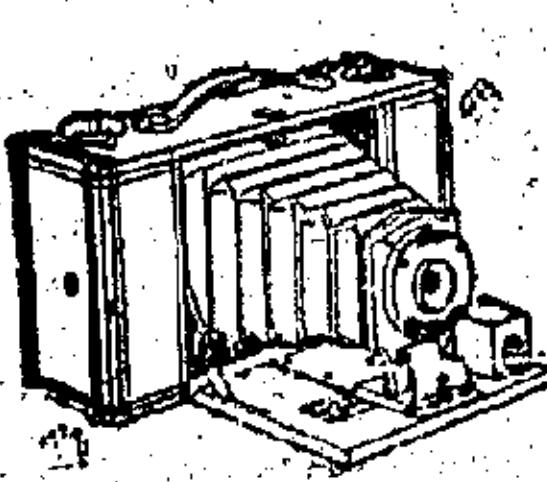
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RUBBER COMPANIES.

BRIEF RUBBER ESTATE.

The report states that tapping commenced in March last. To July 31 last the output of rubber was 3,236lb., which realized £961, or an average of 5s. 11/2d. for all grades.

STRAITS PLANTATIONS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the holders of ordinary shares was to be held at the registered office on Tuesday, December 13, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing an extraordinary resolution confirming a resolution, passed at a meeting held on November 15, for increasing the capital of the company from £50,000 to £100,000, and to consent to the company passing a special resolution for the alteration of the Articles of Association.

GLENBRIEF RUBBER COMPANY.

The report for the year ended September 30 states that during December 7,900 shares were issued at a premium of 7s. each and the amount received in respect of the premium was £2,765. The directors have written off the cost of underwriting the issue, viz., £1,97, leaving a net sum of £2,567, which has been used for capital purposes. The revenue account shows that there has been a profit of £3,625, making with the balance brought forward, £240 available for dividend. The directors recommend a dividend of 2 per cent. on the amount paid up at September 30 on the subscribed shares, leaving a balance of £39 to be carried forward. A call of 2s. 6d. per share has been made since the accounts were closed, and it will be necessary during the current year to call up the remaining 2s. 6d. per share.

SINGAPORE RUBBER ESTATE.

The first ordinary general meeting was held on the 6th inst. at the London Chamber of Commerce. Mr. K. F. Arbutnott presided, and, in moving the adoption of the report, remarked that he thought that for a first year's trading a profit of £19,816 deserved special attention. It would have been possible to pay a rather larger dividend than the 12 per cent. which the directors recommended, but as the profit had been earned over a period of 14 months, and as it had been derived through the high prices ruling for rubber throughout the year, they had thought it wise to write off the whole of the preliminary expenses and to carry forward a very substantial sum. The whole of the company's expenses in London and Singapore had been charged to revenue, although they had only tapped about 60 acres, or say, 9,000 feet out of 250,000 which had already been planted, and which number would by the end of the year be again largely increased. The crop of rubber turned out considerably in excess of the estimate, and the directors had no fear that this year's estimate would not be obtained. He regretted that their labour had suffered owing to weather conditions, but their latest information was much more satisfactory. The average price obtained by the company for their rubber—2s. 3d. per lb.—would, he hoped, be considered satisfactory; but what was in store for them in the current year it was difficult to say. Mr. H. de Courcy Hamill seconded the motion, which was adopted. A resolution was also passed authorising each of the existing 21 shares to be divided into 10 shares of 2s. each.

SAGA RUBBER COMPANY (LIMITED).

Mr. J. H. Stavey, who presided at the sixth annual general meeting of this company held at the London Chamber of Commerce rooms, said that the company's circumstances had very much changed since they proposed to themselves to open a plantation of 1,000 acres with an authorised capital of £20,000. They had embarked on a somewhat larger scheme, and their expenses had materially exceeded anticipations, and the causes were familiar to all. The chief causes that had increased the value of their share capital some tenfold had been the unprecedented high value of the produce, and it must depend mainly upon this leading factor in the future whether their holding retained such value. It was some offset to their expenditure having succeeded anticipations that the plantations had come into bearing a year earlier than was to be expected. At the last meeting it was mentioned that the board hoped to be able to extend the plantations to 1,500 acres on a capital sum of £22,500, representing £15 per acre, which was deemed to be satisfactory; and that this possibility still in view of the present state of prosperity in the enterprise continued. Whether they would be in a position to increase the planted area beyond 1,500 acres this season remained to be seen a few months hence, after the 300 acres now being opened were completed. Mr. Gunn had cabled home that he confirmed Mr. Mansergh's estimate of 130,000lb. for the year ended July 31 next. This, if real, must be regarded as a highly satisfactory return, coming as it did from less than half the trees growing on the 900 acres. If they reckoned on a margin of only 2s. 2d. per lb. sale price in excess of cost, there should appear a profit of over 60 per cent. upon the £21,000 share capital, or about 6 per cent. on the price at which the new shares were issued, and that from an area not half developed or matured. The present season's crop came to 30,300lb. for the four months. One or two proprietors at a distance had suggested that the new issue of 1,000 shares might have been offered to shareholders on more favourable terms, but he thought on due consideration it must be admitted to be in the best interests of the company to obtain full value for the issue. The money was required for the business and development of the company. To have issued at a lower rate and consequently the future dividends would be less.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business, Mr. Porcher stated that he visited the estate in July and everything was in very fair order.

He estimated the crop for the coming year, 1910-1911, would exceed the estimate given by Mr. Gunn. For the year 1911-12 he estimated 200,000lb., which at 4s. per lb. would give about £40,000, or nearly 200 per cent. The trees were the best in the Federated Malay States.

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An extraordinary general meeting of this company was held recently at Winchester House, 13 Broad-street, under the presidency of Mr. E. J. Hamilton, to consider a resolution for increasing the capital of the company to £35,000 by the creation of 5,000 new shares of 2s. each.

The Chairman in the course of his speech said:—We have explained to you in our circular that opportunities arose for acquiring additional areas adjoining the estates of our company, some of which were planted with rubber at the tapping stage, and that we availed ourselves of these opportunities, by which we have added immensely to the value of the company's property. We have not only secured for you a substantial revenue this year, which was not anticipated in the prospectus, but we have, I hope, also laid the foundation for material additions to the profits of subsequent years.

If the price of rubber had remained at about 12s. per lb. we could, no doubt, have paid for

these additions to our property out of revenue, and at the same time have given you a good dividend this year. The price was, however, not maintained, and as it is our view that the shareholders are entitled to receive a dividend out of the profits earned this year, we recommend that further capital be raised to pay for the properties purchased and for bringing the immature rubber to the tappable state, so that such proportion of the profits as may be considered advisable may be available for dividend. We propose at the present time to issue not more than 3,000 shares, which will be offered *pro rata* to the existing shareholders, one share for every 10 shares held by them. As we shall be able to issue them at a substantial premium, we shall be able to put the company in a sound financial position without adding materially to the amount on which dividends will be payable.

There is another matter which we have under consideration, and which I should like to refer to, as it will involve, if we decide to join in the scheme, the outlay of £1,500 or £2,500 of capital expenditure. It is the erection of a central factory for all the companies which are under the same local management as this company, and which represent between them some 5,500 acres of rubber. Up to the present time these companies, including ourselves, have had an arrangement with a neighbouring concern to manufacture their rubber for them. This has been a very satisfactory arrangement for us, in that it has given us in the early stages of our development as a producer of rubber the benefit of the experience of a large producing concern, while at the same time it also relieved us of any capital expenditure, and left us free at a later date to erect a modern factory with all latest improvements. Our manager has advised us that the time has now arrived when we can with advantage manufacture our own rubber, and we are now considering the advisability of joining in the scheme.

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2/-	Anglo-Johore	1.56	10/-	Melittina	6/8	
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12/-	Bidor			Pry		
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2/-	Bukit Cloth			Rembia		
15/-	Bukit Kajang	2.10	20/-	Rim		
2/-	Bukit Mertajam	4.1		R. Est. of Krian		
5/-	Bukit Rajah	16.10	25%	R. of Johore		
2/-	Bukit Selangor	8.50	75%	Sagga	11.150	
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2/-	Chiong Ordinary	2.30	60%	Sundayan	5.00	15%
2/-	Preferred	2.30	61%	Soramban	3.16	10%
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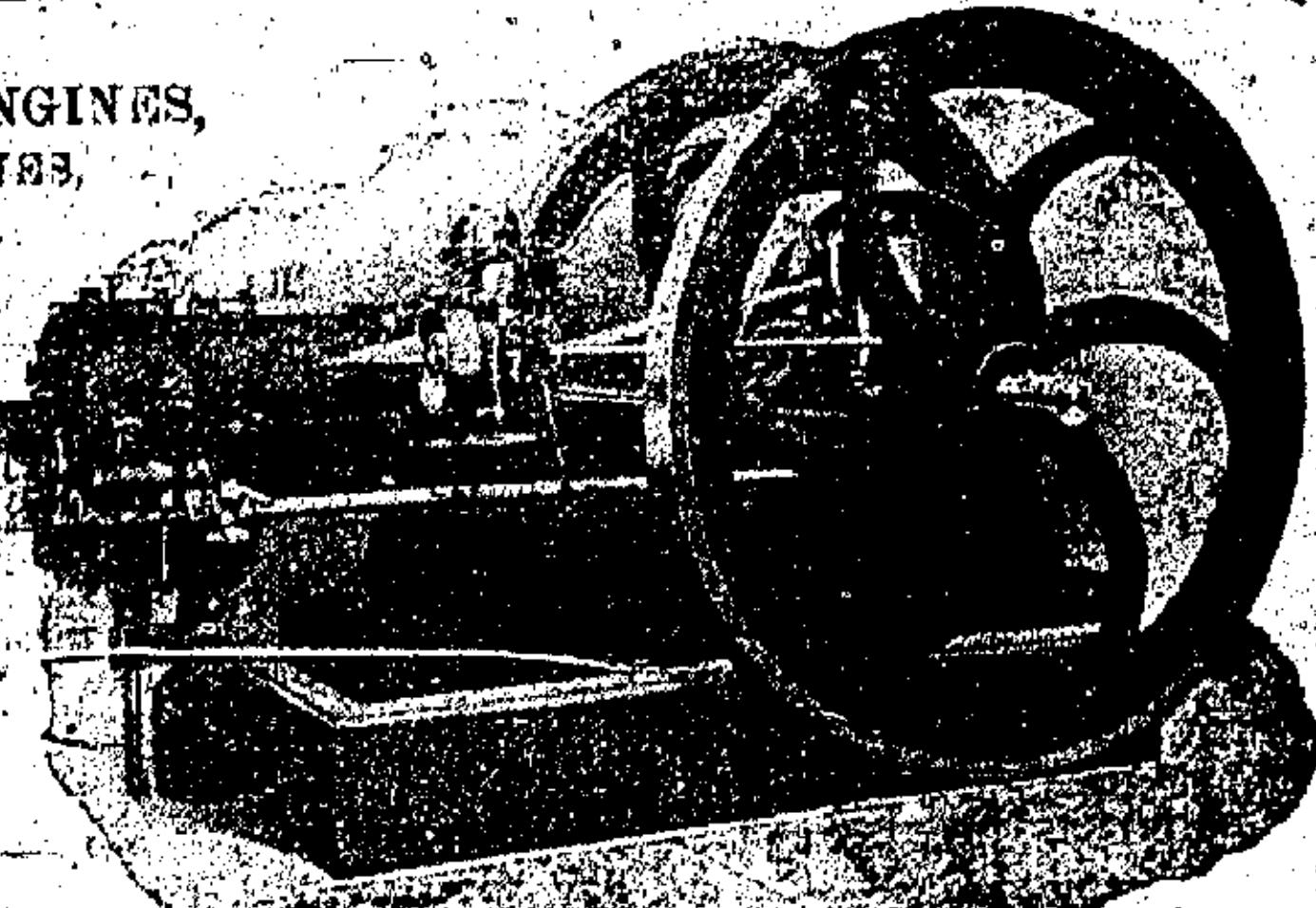
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INDIA AND TARIFF REFORM.

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At a meeting of the East India Association held at Carlton Hall on the 5th inst., over which Sir Arundel Arundel presided in the absence of Lord Rosey, a discussion took place on "India and Tariff Reform."

Mr. R. A. Leslie Moore, formerly of the Indian Civil Service, read a paper on the subject, in the course of which he said no Tariff Reform scheme could be lasting, even if it could be introduced, which left India out of account. He pointed out that both Britain and India already levy import duties on certain classes of goods, whether imported from each other or from foreign countries. They could give each other preference not by raising taxes against foreigners but by lowering them in the case of goods they import from each other. This method of procedure would obviously not increase, and might very possibly decrease, the price of these goods, and therefore their cost to the consumer. British and Indian manufacturers and workmen would benefit, while the general body of consumers would not be injured, and might be advantaged. The risk of retaliation from foreign countries was not great, because India's exports to foreign commercial countries were mainly food and raw material. Britain could assist the Indian exports of tea, coffee, and tobacco by lowering the present duties against India. He suggested that Indian tea, for instance, should be admitted at 4d. per lb., which would mean a preference of 13d. per lb., or 20 per cent. This would not affect the person who preferred the flavour of China tea, but would give India an advantage over Java. He suggested that the coffee duty should be abolished as against Indian coffee, and in regard to tobacco he thought if the present tax was an *ad valorem* tax instead of a tax by weight it would assist the low-priced Indian product and help to introduce to the British smoker. From the British Free Traders' point of view the cheapening of tea and coffee should be welcomed. To make up the loss to the British Exchequer he would reimpose the export duty on coal. On her part India could remit the 3d. per cent. import duty on British cotton manufactures, and at the same time abolish the abominable excise duty on the Indian product. Indian bought more steel, silk, manufacturers, glass and glassware, jewellery, clocks, and watches from foreign sources than from Britain, and could give Britain a preference in other directions than cotton. India might impose export duties on raw jute and lac. He maintained that preferential trade between Britain and India would be advantageous to both countries and would not raise the prices to the consumer.

During the discussion which followed Mr. Prochowicz maintained that any change in our fiscal system would lose us the most-favoured nation treatment. Would America continue to let us have cotton at the lowest price if we refused her jute and lac at the lowest price? Without any preference Indian tea had virtually wiped out Chinese tea, and Continental nations which now bought Indian tea would retaliate by taking tea from Java. After several speakers had supported Mr. Moore's views, Mr. Bepin C. Pal said that until India had fiscal independence whatever England imposed on her would be dictated by England's interests only. He was a Free Trader in England but a Protectionist in India. He wanted Protection, however, against England.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 26th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen rapidly in E. Japan, and risen over China, particularly in the North.

The depression lying over the N. part of the Sea of Japan yesterday has reached Hokkaido. The anti-cyclonic area is situated over the Upper Yangtze valley.

Pressure has increased and is now slightly above normal over Luzon.

Strong monsoon will continue to prevail over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (N. winds, fresh;

Formosa Channel (N.E. winds, strong;

South coast of China between Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lamook (Same as No. 1.

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. TONS. SAILING DATES.

• NIPPON MARU	11,000	SATURDAY, 5th Dec., at 1 P.M.
• SIBERIA	18,000	7th Jan., at 1 P.M.
• MANCHURIA	27,000	21st Jan., at 1 P.M.
• CHIYU MARU	21,000	28th Jan., at 1 P.M.
• MONGOLIA	27,000	16th April, at 1 P.M.
• TENYO MARU	21,000	23rd April, at 1 P.M.
• KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 12th Feb., at 1 P.M.

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The T.T.K. S.S. "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, 31st December, at 1 P.M.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ANHUI, British str., 1,356, J. B. Harris, 28th December—Shanghai 25th Dec., General Butterfield & Swire.
ARABIA, German str., 2,457, Ernst, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec., General—Hamburg—Amorita Line.
CHINA, British str., 1,274, H. Mathias, 27th Dec.—Haiphong 25th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
CHINOU, Chinese str., 1,177, C. Stewart, 28th December—Shanghai 24th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
FARNSWORTH, Norwegian str., 891, Andersen, 27th Dec.—Brookhaven 20th December, Coal—Aagard, Thorson & Co.
HARICHOON, British str., 1,635, W. C. Passmore, 26th December—Fochow 25th December, General—Douglas, Laprak & Co.
KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., 2,701, Minamigawa, 26th Dec.—Mojii 22nd December, Coal—Atsako & Co.
KUEICHOW, British str., 234, Jones, 27th Dec.—Nord, British str., 1,730, Jones, 27th Dec.—Fowood 25th Dec., Rosewood—Aagard, Thorson & Co.
PROSPECT, Norwegian str., 927, R. Larsen, 28th Dec.—Dahli 22nd Dec., Bens—Aagard, Thorson & Co.
TSIKIN, Dutch str., 2,014, H. Koops, 28th Dec.—Macassar 19th Dec., General—Java—China—Japan Line.
TILIWONG, Dutch str., 4,506, Bouman, 28th Dec.—Amoy 20th Dec., General—Java—China—Japan Line.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
28th December.
Aldenham, British str., for Moji.
Anhui, British str., for Canton.
Arabia, German str., for Hamburg.
Chinou, Chinese str., for Canton.
E. F. Ferdinand, Austrian str., for Singapore.
Glenloch, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

27th December.
CHINKIANG, British str., for Chinkiang.
KWANGEE, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
28th December.
COMBAT MARU, Japanese str., for Japan.
GLACIUS, British str., for Shanghai.
GEORGE APCAR, British str., for Singapore.
HANGANG, British str., for Canton.
HANOI, French str., for Haiphong.
KALAN, British str., for Canton.
KEDINGWAL, German str., for Hoihow.
OAKA, British str., for Kuchinotzu.
PEINZ LUDWIG, German str., for Europe, &c.
SEATTLE MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
SIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.
ZAFIRO, American str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Hatching* reports: Light Easterly swell and fine weather, hazy.
The British str. *Antur* reports: Light N.W. and N.E. wind, fine and clear weather.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Arcar str. *Catherine Arcar* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 21st instant afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.

The Indo-China str. *Fookong* left Calcutta for the Straits and Hongkong on the 18th inst., and is due here on or about the 3rd prox.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Buelow*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 30th ult., left Singapore on the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day at midnight.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Siberia* left Manila on the 23rd instant, and is due to arrive at Hongkong to-morrow at 6 a.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *China* sailed from Yokohama on the 26th inst., and is scheduled to arrive at Hongkong on the 3rd prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Manchuria* was dispatched from San Francisco on the 13th inst., for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 9th prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Asia* sailed from San Francisco on the 27th instant for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on the 24th prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Caledonian*, with the French Mail of the 4th inst., and mails from London of the 3rd inst., left Singapore on the 27th inst., at 6 a.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 2nd prox., forenoon.

THE AUSTRIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Waldemar* left Sydney on the 17th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 8th prox.

The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Sydney on the 21st inst. for this port, via Queensland Port, Port Darwin and Manila.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. Co. str. *Monteagle* arrived at Yokohama at 4.30 p.m. on the 27th inst., and left again at 10 a.m. yesterday for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. on the 29th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The M.M. str. *Minato* is expected to arrive here today.

The American & Manchuria Line's str. *Kioto* may be expected here to-day.

The O.S.K. str. *Mexico Maru* left Shanghai for this port on the 26th inst., and is expected to arrive here to-day.

The H. A. Line's str. *Slavonia* left Singapore on the 24th instant a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* (European Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai on the 21st inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The N.Y.K. str. *Bingo Maru* (Honkay Line) left Bombay for this port via Colombo and Singapore on the 16th instant, and is expected here on the 3rd prox.

The T.K.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* left Callao for this port via Mexican ports, Honolulu, and Japan ports, on the 30th ult.

The P. & O. S. S. Co. str. *Nabia* left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant, at 9.30 a.m., and is due here on the 30th inst., at about 5 p.m.

The P. & A. S. S. Co.'s chartered str. *Strait-Weller* sails from Portland on the 15th instant, via Japan ports for Hongkong.

The O.S.K. str. *Chicago Maru* left Victoria, B. C., for this port via Japan and Manila on the 15th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 13th prox.

The str. *Genturist* left London on 25th ult., and is due here on or about 14th prox.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "nearest Hongkong" "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & REG.	BEETH	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOMALI	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Chitt, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CEYLON	Brit. str.	—	A. E. A. Baker	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 10th Jan.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	R. Hayes	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 2nd Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP & BALTIMORE PORTS	SLAM	Swed. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th Jan., at Noon
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRITANNIA	Ger. str.	—	Girstenhau	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About middle of Jan.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	—	Masse	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th Jan.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	—	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th Jan.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	—	Barillon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 19th Jan.
MARSELLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	VILLE DE LA CIOTAT	Fr. str.	—	M. Hugino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Feb.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ATAGUA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th Jan.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SAKOMA	Ger. str.	—	Bahle	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at D'light
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HITACHI MARU	Ger. str.	—	N. Mathieson	MELCHERS & CO.	On 14th Jan., at Noon
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GENEVE	Ger. str.	—	G. Bolte	SANDER, WIEL, & CO.	To-day, 4 P.M.
MARSELLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	THILESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	Ger. str.	—	F. Cobol	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	STEAMER FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (Dinner).
NEW YORK	INVERCLYDE	Am. str.	—	J. C. Alexander	TO CALLING AT SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUMA AND PORT SAID.	TO-DAY, 29TH DEC., P.M.
NEW YORK	INDEBASAMHA	Am. str.	—	...	Taking cargo of through rates to the BRAZIL.	STEAMER FOR THE BRAZIL.
NEW YORK	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Am. str.	—	...	To SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE, and ADRIATIC PORTS.	STEAMER FOR THE PERSIAN GULF.
NEW YORK	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	THE Company's Steamship.
NEW YORK	OSAKA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	...	E. FRANZ FERDINAND.
NEW YORK	MEXICO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	...	Captain Cobol, will be despatched as above
NEW YORK	TAIWAN MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. S. Cowley	TO-DAY, 29TH DEC., P.M.	
NEW YORK	SUPERIC	Brit. str.	—	...	This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, excellent cuisine, electric light, electric fan and carries a doctor and a stewardess.	THE Company's Steamship.
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NEW YORK	NISSHO MARU	Jap. str.	—	...	SANDER, WIEL, & CO., LTD.	Princess Building.
NEW YORK	NISSHO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	...	Hongkong, 15th December, 1910.	[139]
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NEW YORK	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	THE Steamship	
NEW YORK	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	"INVERCLYDE."	
NEW YORK	TOYO KISHIN KAISHA	Captain J. C. Alexander, will be despatched as above	
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NEW YORK	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Hongkong, 9th December, 1910.	[139]
NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.	
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NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	THE Steamship	
NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	"DEVANHA."	
NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	Captain H. Powell, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 7th January, 1911, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's steamer "MOONLIT," 10,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.	
NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "CALCEDONIA," due in London on the 18th February, 1911.	
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NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.	
NEW YORK	NISSHO YUSEN KAISHA	Hongkong, 27th December, 1910.	[139]
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NEW YORK	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	THE Steamship	
NEW YORK	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	"DENBIGHSHIRE."	
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STEAMERS		TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON AND ANTWERP	SOMALI	About 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SUDAN AND MARSEILLES	Capt. A. G. Chubb, R.N.R.	Dec.	Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NUBIA and YOKOHAMA	Capt. F. J. Fox	About 31st Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON AND ANTWERP	CEYLON	About 2nd Jan.	Freight only.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SUDAN AND MARSEILLES	Capt. A. E. A. Baker	Jan.	Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELTA	About 6th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DEVANNA	Noon, 7th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
OF CALL	Capt. H. Powell	Jan.	Advertisement.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1910

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
SWATOW, NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"LIANGCHOW"	On 30th Dec., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"CHIHLI"	On 31st Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 31st Dec., Mid-night.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"KWANGSE"	On 1st Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 3rd Jan., 4 P.M.
ILAO & CEBU	"SUNGKILANG"	On 3rd Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THUAS BAY ISLAND, COOTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.

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"HAITAN" Capt. J. W. Evans, TUESDAY, 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HATYANG" Capt. A. E. Hodgins, SUNDAY, 1st Jan., at 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 29th December 1910.

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REGULAR STRAIGHT SERVICE FOR CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC., VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO AND SALINA CRUZ (MEXICO).

1911.

SS. KIYO MARU 11,200 tons gross, SAIL FEB. 18th.
SS. BUJO MARU 10,500 " April 19th.
SS. HONGKONG MARU 11,000 " June 17th, at Noon.
SS. KIYO MARU 11,200 " Aug. 15th, at Noon.
SS. BUJO MARU 10,500 " Oct. 14th, at Noon.
SS. HONGKONG MARU 11,000 " Dec. 13th, at Noon.

For particulars apply to K. MATSDA, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1910.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS TONS SAILING DATES
KAGA MARU 7,000 WED'DAY, 4th Jan., at Daylight

ATSUTA MARU 9,000 WED'DAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight

HITACHI MARU 7,000 WED'DAY, 1st Feb., at Daylight

S KAMAKURA MARU 7,000 SATURDAY, 28th Jan., from KOREA

S INABA MARU 7,000 TUESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Noon.

S TAMBA MARU 7,000 TUESDAY, 31st Jan., at Noon.

NIKKO MARU 6,000 FRIDAY, 20th Jan., at Noon.

BINGO MARU 6,000 FRIDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.

MIYAZAKI MARU 9,000 THURSDAY, 5th Jan., at 5 P.M.

KUMANO MARU 6,000 WED'DAY, 18th Jan., at Noon.

CEYLON MARU 6,000 THURSDAY, 19th January.

Fitted with New System of Wireless Telegraphy. Cargo only. Carries Deck Passengers.

PASSENGER SEASON. 1911.

SAILINGS AND PASSAGE RATES FROM HONGKONG TO MARSEILLE AND LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Steamers TONS Leave H.K. To London, per New Steamer

1st Class S Y. 550.00 1st Class S 1.500.00

2nd Class R 825.00 2nd Class S 360.00

3rd Class R 540.00 3rd Class S 240.00

4th Class R 750.00 4th Class S 330.00

5th Class R 495.00 5th Class S 225.00

6th Class R 360.00 6th Class S 180.00

7th Class R 300.00 7th Class S 150.00

8th Class R 240.00 8th Class S 120.00

9th Class R 180.00 9th Class S 90.00

10th Class R 120.00 10th Class S 60.00

11th Class R 80.00 11th Class S 40.00

12th Class R 50.00 12th Class S 25.00

13th Class R 30.00 13th Class S 15.00

14th Class R 20.00 14th Class S 10.00

15th Class R 15.00 15th Class S 7.50

16th Class R 10.00 16th Class S 5.00

17th Class R 7.50 17th Class S 3.75

18th Class R 5.00 18th Class S 2.50

19th Class R 3.75 19th Class S 1.875

20th Class R 2.50 20th Class S 1.25

21st Class R 1.875 21st Class S 0.9375

22nd Class R 1.25 22nd Class S 0.625

23rd Class R 0.9375 23rd Class S 0.46875

24th Class R 0.625 24th Class S 0.3125

25th Class R 0.46875 25th Class S 0.234375

26th Class R 0.3125 26th Class S 0.15625

27th Class R 0.234375 27th Class S 0.11875

28th Class R 0.15625 28th Class S 0.08125

29th Class R 0.11875 29th Class S 0.05625

30th Class R 0.08125 30th Class S 0.038125

31st Class R 0.05625 31st Class S 0.0234375

32nd Class R 0.038125 32nd Class S 0.015625

33rd Class R 0.0234375 33rd Class S 0.011875

34th Class R 0.015625 34th

"OSTERTAG" SAFES.**FOR SALE:**

A CONSIGNMENT OF FIVE RECENTLY ARRIVED SAFES IN DIFFERENT SIZES.

Please call on the Sole Representative.

HUGO C. A. FROMM,

TELEPHONE 960. 4, QUEEN'S BUILDING, TOP FLOOR.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE**NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.**

The Post Office will be open on Monday, the 2nd January, from 8 to 9 a.m. only. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail the Post Office will be open one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday.

The Money Order office will be entirely closed.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Anping*, with the Siberian Mail is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The *Buelow*, with the German Mail of the 30th ultimo, left Singapore on Sunday, the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on to-morrow at midnight.

The *Caledonia*, with the French Mail of the 2nd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 3rd January, at daylight.

For PER DATE

Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay ... E. Fromm Ferdinand
Macao ... Ssu Tai
Shanghai ... Chinchia
Swatow, Ningpo and Shanghai ... Liangchow

Haiphong ... Michael Jelsen
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya ... Tjiptieng
Jesselton and Sandakan ... Mausang
Shanghai ... Hengsang
Macao ... Ssu Tai

Manila, Marou, Yap, Samar, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshafen, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne ... Coblenz

Titan ... Loemang
Manila ... Chihli
Haiphong ... Hatchung

Amoy and Foochow ... Friday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE

Tsingtau, Weihaiwei and Chefoo ... Kwangse

Shanghai ... Anhui

Swatow ... Haian

Europe, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

Hilo and Cebu ... Sunlong

Manila ... Tuming

Europe, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Supplementary mail on-board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 6th January, at 5 p.m. ...

Europe, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 Extra Postage 10 cents.)

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Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth & Fremantle ...

Empress of China

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & VANCOUVER (B.C.)

COMMERCIAL.**EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS**

December 28th.

ON LONDON	—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/104
Bank Bills, on demand	1/103	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/104
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/104	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/103
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/103		
ON PARIS	—	Bank Bills, on demand	233
		Credits, at 4 months' sight	237
ON GERMANY	—	On demand	1881
ON NEW YORK	—	Bank Bills, on demand	443
		Credits, at 60 days' sight	453
ON BOMBAY	—	Telegraphic Transfer	137
		Bank, on demand	137
ON CALCUTTA	—	Telegraphic Transfer	137
		Bank, on demand	137
ON SHANGHAI	—	Bank, at sight	741
		Private, 30 days' sight	152
ON YOKOHAMA	—	On demand	904
ON MANILA	—	On demand—Pesos	904
ON SINGAPORE	—	On demand	784
ON BATAVIA	—	On demand	1168
ON HAIPHONG	—	On demand	14 1/2 P.M.
ON SAIGON	—	On demand	1 P.M.
ON BANGKOK	—	On demand	833
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	... 610.30		
GOLD LIBRA, 100 fine, per oz.	... 566.20		
BAR SILVER, per oz.	... 254		

SUBSIDARY COINS

per cent.

Chinese 20 cents pieces \$6.85 discount

Chinese 10 " 87.05 "

Hongkong 20 " 6.55 "

Hongkong 10 " 87.00 "